

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22 and ending on page 5, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

One fundamental advantage of the method according to the invention can be seen in that the connections which are to be passed between the subnetworks are recognized centrally in the subregions on account of the item of address information which identifies a subregion, and the knowledge about the prescribed transmission system resources between the origin subregion and the destination subregion can be used as a basis for controlling or authorizing the connections via the connection path having the prescribed transmission system resource. Therefore, no more connections having a requested transmission system resource or a transmission speed can be connected via the ~~that is used to pass~~ at least one connection path between the subregions than transmission resources that are available for the connections ~~no longer available as transmission system resources~~. This significantly increases the quality of service, and the additional or associated item of address information or organization information, which each define a user group or a subregion, and the requested transmission system resources allow the available transmission system resources between the

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subregions to be checked and a statement to be made regarding
the authorization of an initialized connection.